Impact Report 2025

Peter McVerry Trust

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Our vision, mission & aims

Our vision

An Ireland that supports all those on the margins and upholds their rights to full inclusion in society.

Our mission

Peter McVerry Trust is committed to reducing homelessness, the harm caused by substance misuse and social disadvantage.

Peter McVerry Trust provides low-threshold entry services, primarily to younger people and vulnerable adults with complex needs, and offers pathways out of homelessness based on the principles of the Housing First model.

Our aims

- To target those most marginalised in society and offer a safe, challenging and supportive environment through our service provision.
- To treat participants with warmth and respect and actively encourage them to be involved in all aspects of their own support plan.
- To offer a comprehensive prevention package of support to reduce the likelihood of homelessness to those leaving care, those leaving treatment, those leaving prison or other institutions and those whose accommodation is vulnerable.
- To offer a comprehensive package of support that will provide the best opportunity possible for them and assist them in planning a pathway out of homelessness or drug use, or if they continue to use drugs, to assist them towards some level of stabilisation in order to live a life of dignity, with respect and opportunity.
- To assist each person to re-establish himself or herself in the community and move towards greater independence.

Foreword

In 2025, homelessness remained one of Ireland's most pressing social challenges. Behind every statistic is an individual, a family, or a young person facing significant difficulties, often at a time of great uncertainty in their lives.

Throughout the year, Peter McVerry Trust continued to respond to this need, providing accommodation, support and pathways forward for nearly 9,000 people. Every one of these interactions reflects the commitment of our staff, whose professionalism, expertise and dedication make a meaningful difference in the lives of those we support.

The year also saw continued progress across the organisation. We strengthened our services, continued to embed improvements in governance and operational practice, and remained focused on delivering high-quality supports tailored to individual needs. From preventing homelessness among young people, to supporting families in temporary accommodation, sustaining tenancies, assisting people in recovery, and helping individuals and families rebuild their lives, our work continued to be guided by the values that have shaped Peter McVerry Trust for more than four decades.

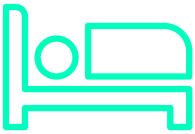
This Impact Report provides a snapshot of that work during 2025. It highlights the scale and breadth of our services, the achievements of the people we support, and the dedication of colleagues, partners and supporters who make this work possible.

Thank you for taking the time to read our report and for your continued support of Peter McVerry Trust. Together, we remain committed to ensuring that those who are most marginalised in our society receive the support, dignity and opportunities they deserve.

Thank you.

The year in numbers

8,993
people supported across
all of our services in 2025



7,997
people supported across our
housing, homeless, addiction
and prevention services

996
people supported across our
IPAS and Resettlement Services

766
people supported
into housing

Our services

Prevention Services

Preventing homelessness remains a core focus of Peter McVerry Trust's work. Through our prevention services, we support individuals and families at risk, helping them to overcome challenges before they lead to homelessness.

Our two Learning Centres offer an alternative education pathway for young people who find it difficult to engage in mainstream school settings. Through the combined expertise of teachers and social care professionals, students receive tailored educational and personal support that enables them to participate in learning in a way that reflects their individual needs and circumstances.

In 2025, 21 young people graduated from our Learning Centres. These young people progressed onto further education and training.

Our services

Homeless Services

Throughout the year, our homelessness services remained a critical source of accommodation and support for people affected by homelessness. Working closely with local authorities, the Dublin Region Homeless Executive, and the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage, Peter McVerry Trust continued to deliver high-quality services tailored to individual needs.

In 2025, we operated 33 homeless accommodation services across seven local authorities in Ireland, including 21 Supported Temporary Accommodation (STA) services and 12 Family Hubs. Over the course of the year, we supported 1,838 people through our adult homeless accommodation services.

In our Family Hubs, we supported 174 families, including 345 children, providing tailored supports to help families move out of homelessness. As a direct result of this work, 40 families transitioned from homelessness into homes of their own during the year.

During the summer of 2025, we launched our first summer activity programme across our 11 family homeless services in Dublin, Kildare, and Louth. Over 8 weeks, up to 88 children took part in themed weeks — bringing fun, connection, and creativity to children living in supported temporary accommodation.

Our services

Housing Services

In 2025, Peter McVerry Trust continued to provide safe and secure housing to people experiencing homelessness across the country.

Our Housing with Supports (HWS) service supports tenants to secure and maintain their accommodation allocated by the Local Authority. Our team help people to develop life skills, build confidence and work towards independent living and social integration.

In 2025, HWS provided support to over 970 tenants to help maintain tenancies, lead proactive estate management interventions and build positive relationships with communities and key stakeholders.

Our services

Housing First

Housing First is a holistic, evidence-based approach to ending homelessness that provides permanent, secure housing for people with a history of long-term homelessness and complex needs. Unlike traditional models that require individuals to prove they are “housing ready”, Housing First recognises housing as a basic human right and provides immediate access to permanent housing alongside person-centred, tailored supports.

Housing First addresses addiction, mental health and behavioural health challenges through intensive case management and multidisciplinary team (MDT) supports. The model offers flexible supports based on the individual’s own choices and needs, including access to mental health care, addiction services and ongoing tenancy sustainment supports. This evidence-based approach has consistently been shown to improve housing stability, health outcomes and long-term tenancy sustainment.

Our Housing First regional service comprises three regional programmes covering ten counties across the Mid-East, North East and Midlands. Across the three regions, 162 active tenancies were supported in 2025. Our Housing First Dublin team supported 287 active tenancies.

Our services

Addiction and Recovery

In 2025, Peter McVerry Trust's addiction and recovery services included a Day Drug Stabilisation and Recovery Service, a Residential Community Detox and Treatment Service, a Residential Drug Stabilisation Service and a Drug-free Supported Housing Service.

Our addiction and recovery services operate on a harm reduction model in keeping with our ethos. We offer pragmatic, dignified responses to the needs of people engaging in drug misuse.

In 2025, 231 individuals accessed support at our Day Drug Stabilisation and Recovery Service.

The Residential Community Detox (RCD) is a unique residential addiction and recovery service supporting people to take the first steps towards lasting change. Led by a dedicated multidisciplinary team, the service provides medically supervised detox programmes for methadone, Suboxone, codeine and alcohol, alongside cocaine and cannabis cessation programmes. RCD also offers a five-week residential treatment programme focused on rehabilitation, recovery and developing coping skills.

In 2025, RCD supported 93 unique individuals through 93 admissions and 132 treatment episodes.

Our Residential Drug Stabilisation Service provides a range of specialist stabilisation and detoxification interventions tailored to individual needs. In 2025, it supported 105 admissions and had 62 successful programme completions. Overall, the service continued to play a vital role in supporting individuals with complex addiction needs, providing structured stabilisation, promoting recovery, and facilitating progression to longer-term treatment and support services.

Our Drug Free Supported Housing (DFSH) Service provides safe, structured and recovery-focused accommodation for individuals who have completed residential treatment and are committed to maintaining a drug and alcohol-free lifestyle. The service operates across 12 Supported Temporary Accommodation properties throughout Dublin and can accommodate up to 65 participants at any one time. During 2025, the service supported 39 admissions and 10 successful move-ons to independent living.

The true impact of our Addiction and Recovery services extends beyond statistics. Every housing progression, every recovery milestone, every successful intervention and every participant who develops the confidence to live independently represents a positive outcome.

Our services

Children’s Residential & Aftercare

We provide six Children's Residential Services for young people from 12 years old. These services provide short term, crisis intervention placements, medium to long term placements, semi-independent placements support young people. Young people in our Children's Residential Services have been placed with us for many reasons.

Our teams use the Welltree Model of Care to provide trauma and attachment informed care to support our young people, promoting their wellbeing and supporting them to reach their full potential.

In 2025, 54 children and young people were supported across our children’s residential services.

Our Aftercare Services work with Tusla Aftercare Departments to provide placements to young people as they leave children’s residential care or foster care at 18 years old and support their progression into independent living. We provide residential aftercare placements across Dublin, Wicklow, Kildare and Louth.

An aftercare placement duration is approximately 12 months with a focus on supporting the young person to develop their life and living skills, engage in education, employment opportunities or other supports and to identify suitable accommodation progression options.

Due to the long-term housing crisis and the lack of suitable accommodation for young people over the past number of years, PMVT has worked in collaboration with Tusla and the local authorities to establish stepdown aftercare placements for young people with a visiting staff support programme.

Stepdown Aftercare Services offer a safe and supported pathway to independence for young people following an Aftercare placement. In 2025, 32 young people were supported across our nine Aftercare and Aftercare Stepdown services.

Young people supported through our Aftercare services achieved important educational milestones in 2025. Successes included progression to a Level 8 degree programme, completion of the Leaving Certificate with further progression to PLC courses, and graduation from a professional beauty training programme, highlighting the positive impact of ongoing support on education, training and future opportunities.

Our services

IPAS & Resettlement

In 2025, Peter McVerry Trust continued to support people seeking international protection through in-reach services in four IPAS accommodation centres in Dublin and through our Resettlement Programme across 11 counties in the Munster and Midlands regions. Across three centres where daily in-reach clinics were delivered, 481 households comprising 817 individuals received support, with more than 15,000 interventions recorded during the year.

Through a person-centred approach, our teams provided practical and psychosocial supports, helping residents access essential services, complete applications, attend appointments, secure referrals and navigate housing, healthcare, education and social welfare systems. These supports reduced barriers to accessing services, promoted wellbeing and social inclusion, and empowered individuals and families to make informed decisions about their futures.

Our Resettlement Programme supported 667 households and helped 538 households progress towards more independent living arrangements. Working across 101 accommodation centres, the team provided housing information, guidance and progression supports to people with status as they prepared to transition from IPAS accommodation into communities nationwide.

In recognition of the programme's impact, Peter McVerry Trust was invited to present the work of the Resettlement Team at the National HAP Place Finders Event, highlighting both the challenges and opportunities involved in supporting people to achieve positive housing outcomes.

Participant Feedback

In 2025, we undertook a Participant Feedback Survey across our services to better understand people's experiences, needs and priorities. A total of 268 participants shared their views across our addiction and recovery, Housing First and Housing with Supports services. The feedback provides valuable insight into what is working well and where further support is needed, helping to shape and strengthen our services.

87%

of Housing First participants agreed or strongly agreed that they were satisfied with the services provided by Peter McVerry Trust.

57%

of Housing with Supports participants agreed or strongly agreed that they were satisfied with PMVT services.

80%

of respondents in the Residential Stabilisation Service rated support from staff as excellent.

The majority of participants in our **Residential Treatment Centre** indicated the programme has made them feel either much better or better now. **96%** of participants indicated excellent improvements in their abilities to maintain a drug free lifestyle.

Listening and improving

Participant feedback also highlighted opportunities for improvement. In Housing with Supports, only 39% of respondents agreed or strongly agreed that maintenance requests were handled promptly and efficiently. This feedback has helped identify an area where service improvements are needed and will inform future actions to ensure participants receive a more responsive service.

Advocacy, Communications & Fundraising

We continue to be astounded and humbled by the wonderful support and generosity from our supporters – some who have donated to us for years, and some who are new to us and who want to make a difference to the lives of people experiencing homelessness.

We received considerable donations from several estates of supporters who have passed away, but who left a lasting legacy by donating to Peter McVerry Trust in their will.

Through the course of the year, we received regular donations from approx. 300 people per month. This regular income helps us to continue to plan our support across our services.

In October 2025, we wrote to our regular donors to thank them for their continued support. The letter, which was from our founder Fr Peter, was the first communication to our supporters in over a year. It was an opportunity for us to explain the work that had been going on to improve governance and financial systems, and to ensure that the issues from 2023, could not happen again. The letter was well received, and we are grateful to everyone who took the time to contact us with their opinions and messages.

In November we received €15,000 from Kildare County Council, which allowed us to complete a sensory hub for residents at one of our Family Hubs.

Through the Christmas period, we received wonderful support from companies and community groups across the country. Items like toys, clothing, food, full Christmas dinners, household items, and decorations were donated, and the value of these donations was almost €30,000. This kindness shown ensured that so many of those people we care for had a peaceful and seasonal Christmas period.

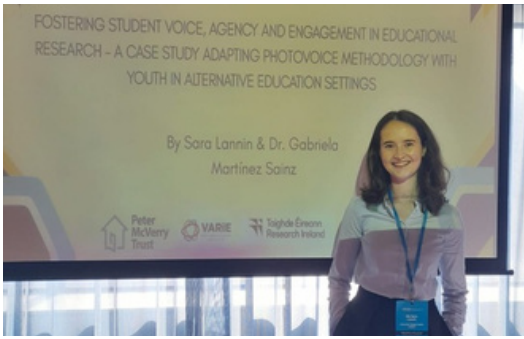
Continued thanks to all our supporters for their ongoing generosity. We look forward to continuing to build on that support through 2026.

Research

In 2025, we have continued our ongoing research with our PMVT Learning Centres co-funded by Research Ireland.

Presentations on our work have been presented with the Educational Studies Association of Ireland and Children's Rights European Academic Network.

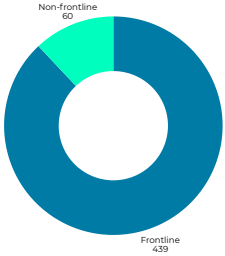
Our research and policy officer also co-convened a 4-part research seminar series on Engaged Research with Children and Youth with the Voice, Agency and Rights in Education (VARiE) research group at the School of Education in University College Dublin.



Human Resources

In 2025, Peter McVerry Trust had 499 members of core staff; comprising 75.6% female, 24.2% male and 0.2% identified under another category.

Of the 499 core staff, 439 were in frontline positions and 60 were in non-frontline positions.



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The continuum of care and respect from the community addiction services, who work tirelessly to help our participants maintain their stability and abstinence.

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